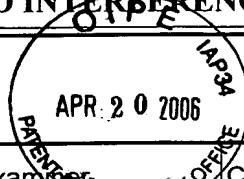


**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO
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Docket No.
P21-163397M/YS

In Re Application Of: Kouichi Katou, et al.



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Invention: **LOCK APPARATUS**

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